



St Mary's CE Primary Academy

Newsletter 29

7th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we are thrilled to have appointed some pupil representatives for our School Council and Eco Council at St Mary's. This would usually be a feature of our Autumn Term but is taking place a little later this year due to the restrictions caused by the pandemic. Congratulations to Cameron, Coby, Jenna, Will, Millie, Matilda and Rowan for being appointed as school councillors after delivering short pitches to their classmates and to Jack, Danica, Evie V, Elspeth and Ethan for being appointed to the Eco Council. Our school council will actively work on school projects and ideas often suggested by the children and our eco council will work hard to ensure that the school operates as sustainably and environmentally friendly as possible. Congratulations also to Evie G, Sullivan, Belle and Albert who have taken on a new role as Active ambassadors. These children are responsible for ensuring opportunities for active learning are maximised.

Congratulations to everyone for taking part. It was fantastic to see so many eager children wanting to take on a role within their school and we look forward to the first meetings for each team where we will discuss priorities for the term ahead which we will keep you updated about.

This week, we have also reinstated our House Point system amongst the children. This gives the children a chance to earn points for their team in school. We have decided to rename our houses but new names will be decided by our School and Eco Council and announced in due course. We will also award the role of House Captains.

All children will be awarded a special badge which will be theirs to keep and we will award these as soon as they arrive!

Class News

In Orchard Class, thank you to those children who brought a globe and torch into school this week. This led to an interesting investigation on Tuesday focusing upon how shadows can help to prove that the earth is rotating. Children really enjoyed this practical hands-on activity and were able to complete some scientific diagrams based on what they had found out. Years 3 and 4 enjoyed investigating different kinds of rocks and have completed classification keys using scientific language.



Please be aware that for Orchard Class, homework and spellings have now been placed on their Google Classroom and children have been reminded about this. If you have any issues accessing Google Classroom, please contact the office.

In collective worship this week, Pippin class role-played the story of the Lost Coin. They worked in groups and went through each part step by step.

Reception's focus book this week has been "Farmer Duck" and they have been busy enjoying related activities, including writing about their very own ducks. Years 1 and 2 have been writing up their own versions of Goldilocks and The Three Bears. They have also had stories about unicorns, giraffes, dogs and even a story about a cheeky caterpillar who ate all the leaves. The stories have been fantastic and Miss Chestney has loved reading every single one!

Please can parents ensure that all children in Pippin class have only water in their bottles and not juice or squash.

Wildlife

This week a newt was discovered trying to make its way into school one morning. We have tentatively identified it as a smooth newt and returned it to the pond area, can anyone confirm the species?



Choir

Miss C will be running choir practice again from next week. Pippin will practice on Wednesday lunchtimes and Orchard on Fridays. If your child would like to join in, please let the office know so that Miss C can plan appropriately.

Breakfast and After School Club

Activities this week have included more drawing tutorials, making flatbreads (and saving extra dough to make pizza later on) as well as wildlife photography. The children have requested that we change to Film Club on Wednesdays, so if anyone would like to come along, please let the office know.

Activities Week: 28th June – 2nd July

We would like to make you aware that we are currently planning an exciting and enjoyable Activities week after half term. We are planning to use this week to immerse the children in activities which we have been unable to organise until now due to the pandemic. We hope this will be a real "wow" week for the children, which we hope will contribute to their overall health, happiness and friendships. We will provide further details nearer the time but wanted to make everyone aware of the date as far ahead as possible.

Golden Apples



Congratulations to Maple and Sully who were awarded Golden Apples this week as part of our Positive Relationships and Behaviour code in school.

Best wishes to you all,

Miss Smith

Head of School